(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government are chalking out any plan to check the financial irregularities and arbitrary attitude in admission in the private schools; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (d) Education being a Concurrent subject, regulation of private schools is in the domain of the respective State Governments. Government of NCT of Delhi during inspections in 2005-06, observed financial and other irregularities in some private un-aided recognised schools. Such irregularities are dealt with under the provisions of the Delhi School Education Act and Rules (DESR), 1973. Government of NCT of Delhi have also ordered an inquiry against certain schools in respect of complaints regarding arbitrary admissions. They have also chalked out a plan under Rule 190 of the DSER, 1973 to conduct annual inspections of private schools to periodically look into financial and other irregularities.

Appointment of developing NCERT textbooks

1987. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Chief Advisors, Advisors and Chairpersons of Textbook Advisory Committee appointed from among the NCERT's academic staff for developing the new Textbooks of the NCERT;

(b) the number of Chairpersons of Textbook Advisory Committee, Chief Advisory and Advisors appointed from NGOs for this purpose; and

(c) how much money has been spent by the NCERT on these Chairpersons, Chief Advisors and Advisors for the development of new book?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) No academic staff from National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) has been appointed as Chairperson or Chief Advisor of any Textbook Advisory Committee for developing the new textbooks.

As the textbooks development is a national level activity the Council has involved academics, practicing teachers and experts working in national and state level institution from all over India. NCERT academic staff are involved in the Textbook Committees as members and co-ordinators.

(b) Only one person from NGO was appointed as Chief Advisor for development of Class I mathematics textbook during 2005-2006.

(c) Honorarium at following rates was paid as a one-time payment:

(i)	Chairpersons of Group of Advisors	Rs. 20,000 Chief
(ii)	Chief Advisors	Rs. 15,000 per book
(iii)	Members	Rs. 10,000 per book.

Approximately Rs. 19,200/- was spent on TA/DA and honorarium for the Chief Advisor from NGO.

Cooked mid-day meal

1988. MISS MABEL REBELLO: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Supreme Court's directives to give cooked mid day meals has been implemented all over the country, in every Panchayat;

(b) if not, the details of the same block-wise and Panchayat-wise alongwith reasons for the same; and

(c) whether every child, particularly SC/ST and OBC in rural areas get cooked stomach full mid-day meal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) and (b) Supreme Court had *vide* its order dated 28.11.2001 passed in WP (C) 196/2001 directed States to provide cooked mid-day meal to children studying in Govt. & Govt.-assisted Primary schools. As per information furnished by States/UTs, cooked mid-day meal is being served to children.

(c) Children are provided cooked mid-day meal of minimum 300 calories and 8-12 gm protein as envisaged in the existing guidelines.